

Information Requirements for Sellers Proposing to Transfer Water Made Available Through Crop Idling

The following information should be submitted to the appropriate Project Agency for review and approval with any water transfer proposal based on crop idling or crop shifting. The information should be submitted by March 1 of the transfer year.

Parties interested in developing water transfer proposals that require conveyance through SWP or Reclamation facilities may contact:

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- Seller Contact Information
- Identify the surface water rights covering the proposed transfer and provide documentation demonstrating compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act or the State Water Resources Control Board approval process as appropriate
- Location Information (County, contact)
- Seller acreage to be idled for transfer
- Historic Cropping Information – past 5 years cropping history
 - Total acreage
 - Total farmable acreage
 - Acreage by crop
 - Identify any fields that were double-cropped in previous years and identify the crops
 - Acreage fallowed each year
 - Provide explanation for idling, i.e. normal crop rotation, water transfer idling, land maintenance, weed control, conversion to organic farming, etc.
 - Land already being idled for other purposes in the year of the water transfer (i.e. for the purposes of converting the acreage to organic farming or normal crop rotation) is not eligible for transfer idling
- Non-irrigated cropped acreage
- Participating owner or growers
- Proposed crop for Transfer Year if proposal includes crop shifting

- Maps showing:
 - Agency or farm boundary
 - Field boundaries
 - Field identification numbers (if applicable)
 - Fields currently irrigated
 - Fields routinely irrigated
 - Fields routinely not irrigated
 - Fields to be idled as part of water transfer
 - Current year FSA acreage of each field
 - Areas known to have high seepage
 - Areas adjacent to wildlife refuge or areas managed to provide wildlife habitat outside the crop season
 - Portion of any fields dedicated to non-cropping purposes such as equipment storage
- Basis of surface water diversion right:
 - Type of appropriative right and Permit/License number if right is permitted by the State Water Resources Control Board
 - Historic surface water diversions
- Maintenance and Monitoring Proposal for idled acreage
 - Plan for remnant vegetation on idled land
 - Conservation easements or similar restrictions on vegetation control methods
 - Actions to be taken to prevent seepage onto idled fields or control vegetation in high water table or seepage areas